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Traffic Advisory:

Baltimore Book Festival to be held this weekend

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation today announced the street closures and traffic modifications in effect for the 12th Annual Baltimore Book Festival. The event will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 28th, 29th and 30th 2007 in historic Mount Vernon. The Baltimore Book Festival is the premier celebration of literary arts for Maryland and the entire mid-Atlantic region.

In preparation for the festival, the following streets will be closed to through traffic:

East and West Mount Vernon Place will be closed between St. Paul and Cathedral Streets starting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Charles Street will be closed between Centre and Madison Streets starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2007 until 6:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Madison Street will be closed between St. Paul and Cathedral Streets starting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007 until 6:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Charles Street between Madison and Read Street will be closed starting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007 until 6:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007.

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Detour Routes:

Mt. Vernon Place

- Westbound Mt. Vernon Place traffic will be detoured left (south) on St. Paul St., to right (west) on Franklin St., to right (north) on Park Ave., to return to Mt. Vernon Place.
- Eastbound Mt. Vernon Place traffic will be detoured right (south) on Cathedral St., to left (east) on Centre St., to left (north) on Calvert St., to return to Mt. Vernon Place.

Charles Street

• Northbound Charles St. traffic will be detoured right (east) on Centre St., to left (north) on Calvert St., to left (west) on Read St., to return to Charles St.

Madison Street

 Westbound Madison St. traffic will be detoured left (south) on St. Paul St., to right (west) on Franklin St., to right (north) on Park Ave. to return to Madison St.

In addition:

"Road Closed Ahead" signs will be placed on Madison St. and Calvert St. in advance to divert some of the traffic right (north) on Calvert St. to points north and west.

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